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Florida Jury Seated In Trial of Ex-General

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., July 8 (AP) — After two-and-a-half years of delays caused by the secret nature of the case, a jury was seated today for the embezzlement trial of a retired two-star general accused of misusing a \$450,000 Swiss bank account set up to finance military and intelligence undercover operations.

The 12-member jury is to try Richard B. Collins, a former major general, before Federal District Judge James Paine. Besides military secrecy, the case has been shrouded by Swiss banking laws, which shield depositors.

Mr. Collins, 55 years old, of Fort Lauderdale, is a former fighter pilot who rose through Air Force ranks in the 1960's and 1970's. He was indicted in January 1983 on six counts.